



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:  
**Brian E. Lockyear et al.**

Art Unit: **2632**

Application No. **10/642,885**

Examiner: **Helen Rossoshek**

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Confirmation No. **3338**

For: **Method and Apparatus For  
Solving Constraints**

Attorney Docket: **SNPS.0505**

**Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on 2005/09/09, applicants submit the present Amendment on 2006/03/08.